[Council to Col. Barnes.]

C. C.

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In Council Decr 20th 1777.

Sir

We wrote you this Day by the Defence's Tender who has Orders to call at M^r Hopewell's to deliver there 100 Stand of Arms and to send an Express off immediately to you. As this may reach you before you receive that Letter, We think it proper to let you know that the Arms will probably be at the Place destined, by the Time you can send a Person to receive them.

We are Sir &ca

To Col^o Barnes.

[Council to Board of War.]

In Council Annapolis 20th Decr 1777.

Gent

Your Letter was laid before the Assembly immediately on the Receipt of it, on which they have come to the inclosed Resolution. The Fort and Barracks are much out of Repair and will require a good Deal of Work to put them in proper Order to receive Prisoners, but no Time shall be lost. The Country round about Fort Frederick is very thinly settled, which will make a pretty strong Guard the more necessary. We much wish a proper one to be sent with the Prisoners.

To the Board of War. We are Gent &ca

Sunday 21 December 1777.

C. B.

Present as on yesterday except Tho Sim Lee Esquire

Discharge granted to George Isler of Baltimore on taking the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State Certificate whereof Lodged.

Edward Farrall Butler of the Conqueror Galley an Invalid discharged Thomas Booltz and Thomas Monshon of the Independence Galley, also discharged

[Council to Col. Barnes.]

C. C.

In Council 21st Decr 1777.

Sir.

By the Defence's Tender, we send you one hundred Stand of Arms with Orders to land them at Hopewell's, as it appears to us the most convenient Place to which we can, with Prudence trust them. Governor Henry has advised us that he has ordered two of the best Virginia Gallies up to Potowmack to act in Concert with ours.

We are &ca

Colo Barnes.